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FOLLOWING ARE REPLIES TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL:

1. SCHEDULE FOR THREE-DAY CELEBRATION
SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY
0825 INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT FOLLOWED BY MILITARY REVIEW
AND CIVILIAN PARADE
LUNCH TO BE SCHEDULED
AFTERNOON PROCEED BY CAR TO KANDY AND OVERNIGHT
MONDAY 5 FEBURARY
MORNING SCHEDULE IN KANDY TO BE ANNOUNCED
1430 THROUGH EVENING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS TO THE NATION,
PRECEDED AND FOLLOWED BY BUDDHIST RELIGIOUS CELEBRATIONS,
COLORFUL ELEPHANT PROCESSION WITH DRUMMERS, KANDY
DANCERS, TRADITIONAL MUSIC (PERAHERA), ETC.
TUESDAY 6 FEBRUARY
ALTERNATE 1. RETURN BY CAR FROM KANDY TO COLOMBO AND
DEPART BY AIR.
ALTERNATE 2. REMAIN IN KANDY AREA OVERNIGHT TO VIEW USAID
IRRIGATION PROJECTS.

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WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY (CONTINUING ALTERNATE 2)
MORNING RETURN BY CAR FROM KANDY TO COLOMBO
1700 ATTEND PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION AT PRESIDENT'S HOUSE,
COLOMBO. DEPART COLOMBO BY AIR SAME EVENING OR FOLLOWING
MORNING.

2. PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVES NEED ATTEND ONLY SUNDAY 4

FEBRUARY MORNING PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION A COLOMBO AND
MONDAY 5 FEBRUARY EVENING CEREMONIES AT KANDY.

3. NO CREDENTIALS REQUIRED.

4. APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR MEN AT ALL FORMAL OCCASIONS IS
DARK BUSINESS SUIT. MONOCOLOR SPORT SHIRT ACCEPTABLE AT
SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

5. WIVES ARE EXPECTED TO ACCOMPANY ON ALL OCCASIONS. AS
MOST SRI LANKA WOMEN WEAR SAREES, FOREIGNERPCNANNUJERUOT
OR LONG DRESSES AS THEY WISH. MORE LONG THAN SHORT DRESSES
WILL PROBABLY BE SEEN AT KANDY EVENING GATHERINGS IN COOLER
MOUNTAIN AIR.

6. PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD REMAIN IN COUNTRY
LONG ENOUGH TO ATTEND FEBRUARY 4-5 EVENTS LISTED IN PARA
TWO ABOVE. EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE USEFUL AND PRODUCTIVE PROGRAM
FOR ADDITIONAL TIME BEFORE OR AFTER MINIMAL FEBRUARY 4-6
PRESENCE.

7. THERE WOULD BE VERY LITTLE POSSIBILITY FOR SUBSTANTIVE
DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVES AND GSL
OFFICIALS DURING FEBRUARY 4-6 PERIOD. THERE WILL BE NO
DIFFICULTY ARRANGING DISCUSSIONS ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS
AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, FREE TRADE ZONE, ETC., BEFORE
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AND AFTER FEBRUARY 4 - 6.

8. PLEASE PROVIDE UNCLASSIFIED BIOGRAPHIES OF ALL MEMBERS
PRESIDENTIAL REPRESENTATIVE PARTY AS SOON AS KNOWN.
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